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Subject:

SCAG Housing and Land Use Policies

SUMMARY

A major purpose of the Regional Comprehensive Plan is to compile the existing policies of the region, and to craft action plans to implement those policies. The policy catalogue for housing and land use is attached here.

BACKGROUND

The attached documents titled "Housing Policies" (4 pages) and "Land Use Policies" (11 pages) are the current compiled lists of applicable regional policies that will be included in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. They are presented here for information, and to facilitate discussion on appropriate actions to implement these policies.



Housing Policies

SourceDocument	id	Policy	Туре
EIR			
		Encourage the use of fire-resistant materials when constructing projects in areas with high fire threat.	Mitigation
	Transportation	on Energy	
	Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	149	Encourage implementation agencies to establish transfer of development rights (TDR) programs to direct growth to less agriculturally valuable lands (while considering the potential effects at the sites receiving the transfer) and ensure the continued protection of the most agriculturally valuable land within each county through the purchase of the development rights for these lands.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	✓ Housing	✓ Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	150	Encourage implementation agencies to avoid the premature conversion of farmlands by promoting infill development and the continuation of agricultural uses until urban development is imminent; if development of agricultural lands is necessary, growth should be directed to those lands on which the continued viability of agricultural production has been compromised by surrounding urban development or the loss of local markets.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	✓ Housing	✓ Habitat and Open Space	ϵ
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
Growth Visi			Dellas
		Encourage investment in transit.	Policy
	✓ Transportati	_	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	

SourceDocument		id	Policy		Туре
	···········	56	Encourage to	ansit-oriented development.	Principle
	✓ Tran	sportatio	on 🗌	Energy	
	✓ Land	l Use		Water	
	✓ Hous	sing		Habitat and Open Space	
	🗹 Air 🤇	Quality		Solid Waste	
	Ecor	nomy	✓	Other	
		61	Promote "pe communities	ople-scaled", walkable s.	Principle
	✓ Tran	sportation	on	Energy	
	✓ Land	d Use		Water	
	✓ Hou	sing		Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air (Quality		Solid Waste	,
	_ Ecot	nomy	✓	Other	
			Support the family neigh		Principle
	_	sportati	on _	Energy	
	✓ Land	d Use		Water	
	✓ Hou			Habitat and Open Space	
	Air (Quality		Solid Waste	
	Eco	nomy		Other	
			new jobs ne	housing near existing jobs and ar existing housing.	Principle
		ısportati	on	Energy	
	✓ Lan		L	Water	
	✓ Hou	_	L	Habitat and Open Space	
	_	Quality	L	Solid Waste	
	✓ Eco			Other	
		82		mpact, centers- and corridors- relopment, mixed-use, and transit- relopment.	Strategy
	▼ Tran	nsportati	on] Energy	
	✓ Lan	d Use		Water	
	✓ Hou	ising		Habitat and Open Space	
	🗹 Air	Quality		Solid Waste	
	Eco	nomy	✓	Other	
		59		ill development and ent to revitalize existing s.	Strategy
	Trai	nsportati	ion	Energy	
	√ Lan	d Use		Water	
	✓ Hou	ısing	¥	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air	Quality		Solid Waste	
	✓ Eco	nomy	V	Other	

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SourceDocument	ia	l Policy		Type
	64		each community, a variety of es to meet the needs of all els.	Strategy
	Transporta	tion] Energy	
	Land Use		Water	
	✓ Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	/	Solid Waste	
	Economy	¥	Other	
RTP		3 Preserve ar	nd ensure a sustainable regional	Goal
	·	transportati		
	✓ Transporta	tion	Energy	
	✓ Land Use	:	Water	
	Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	У	Solid Waste	
	Economy		Other	
	29	•	th along transit corridors and lize available capacity.	Policy
	Transporta	tion	Energy	
	✓ Land Use		Water	
	✓ Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality	у [Solid Waste	
AA NAVO	Economy		Other	
	2		using opportunities to match emographics.	Principle
	Transporta	ntion [Energy	
	Land Use		Water	
	Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Qualit	у [Solid Waste	
	Economy		Other	
	2	transportat expansion pedestrian- environmei that promo	posed funding for non-motorized on to implement bikeway projects, create a bicycle- and friendly transportation nt, induce mixed-use development tes biking and walking, and blic safety education for bicyclists rians.	Strategy
	▼ Transporta	ation	Energy	
	Land Use		Water	
	Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Qualit	y	Solid Waste	
	Economy		• Other	

SourceDocument	id	Policy	Type	
		Use infill where appropriate to reunderutilized development sites		
	Transportation	n Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Open S	pace	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	Other		
		Incorporate the local input and f future growth received from 90 jurisdictions in the SCAG regior	percent of the	
	Transportati	n Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open S	pace	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	Other		
	10	System expansion is no longer transportation investment strate improved mobility.		
	Transportati	n Energy		
	Land Use	Water		
,	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open S	pace	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	Other		

Land Use Policies

SourceDocument	id	Policy	Туре
EIR			
	185	Help reduce fire threats in the region as part of the Growth Visioning process and as policies in the update of SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	✓ Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	165	Encourage airport sponsors to implement voluntary curfews, changes in aircraft operations, adjacent land use compatibility, and physical noise buffers for aircraft and vehicles, where appropriate and feasible, to minimize noise impacts of aviation activities.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	184	Encourage the use of fire-resistant vegetation and the elimination of brush and chaparral in the immediate vicinity of development in areas with high fire threat.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	161	Work with member agencies to implement growth strategies to create an urban form designed to utilize the existing transportation networks and the transportation improvements contained in the 2004 RTP, enhancing mobility and reducing land consumption.	Mitigation
	✓ Transportati	ion Energy	
	Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	

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	149	Encourage implementation agencies to establish transfer of development rights (TDR) programs to direct growth to less agriculturally valuable lands (while considering the potential effects at the sites receiving the transfer) and ensure the continued protection of the most agriculturally valuable land within each county through the purchase of the development rights for these lands.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	150	Encourage implementation agencies to avoid the premature conversion of farmlands by promoting infill development and the continuation of agricultural uses until urban development is imminent; if development of agricultural lands is necessary, growth should be directed to those lands on which the continued viability of agricultural production has been compromised by surrounding urban development or the loss of local markets.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	151	Encourage implementation agencies to obtain assistance from the American Farmland Trust in developing and implementing farmland conservation measures.	Mitigation
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	·
	Housing	✓ Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	153	Encourage member jurisdictions to work as partners to address regional outdoor recreation needs and to acquire the necessary funding for the implementation of their plans and programs.	Mitigation
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	Land Use	Water	
•	Housing	✓ Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	

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	154	Encourage member jurisdic trails and trail segments det regionally significant to work support regional trail networe encourage joint use of utility and other rights-of-way, gre biodiversity areas.	ermined to be c together to ks. SCAG shall r, transportation	on
	Transportati	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	✓ Habitat and Operation	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		
	155	Encourage that multiple use allowed as feasible and pra encourage redevelopment a some investment on recrea provide more opportunities open space close to the urb	ctical, and activities to focus tion uses so as to for access to	ion
	Transportat	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Op	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		VIIICUIII III VIIICUIII VIIIUUII
	159	Work with cities and counting general plans reflect RTP p will work to build consensus address inconsistencies be plans and RTP policies.	olicies. SCAG s on how to	ion
	Transportat	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Op	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		
	152	Future impacts to open spalands shall be avoided thro information sharing, and pr development during the up Space and Conservation of Regional Comprehensive F and through SCAG's Energy Environment Committee.	ugh cooperation, ogram date of the Open napter of SCAG's Plan and Guide	ion
	Transportat	on Energy		
	Land Use	Water		
	Housing	✓ Habitat and Operation	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	Other		THE STATE OF THE S
	181	Promote water-efficient lan development.	d use Mitiga t	tion
	Transportat	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	✓ Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Op	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		

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	160	Use SCAG's Growth Visioning program and the forthcoming Regional Growth Vision to build a consensus in the region to support changes in land use to accommodate future population growth while maintaining the quality of life in the region.	Mitigation
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	158	Work with its member cities and counties to help ensure that transportation projects and growth are consistent with the RTP and general plans.	Mitigation
	✓ Transportati	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
Growth Visi	on		
		Foster livability in all communities	Goal
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	78	Create a region with many centers.	Goal
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	69	Promote sustainability for future generations	Goal
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	Land Use	Water	
	Housing	☐ Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	53	Improve mobility for all residents	Goal
	Transporta	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	[Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	⊘ Other	

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	70	Preserve rural, agricultural, r environmentally sensitive are		
	Transportati	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Ope	n Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	Other		
	57	Promote a variety of travel c	hoices. Policy	
	✓ Transportati	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Ope	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		
	79	Encourage investment in tra	nsit. Policy	
	✓ Transportati	on 📝 Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Ope	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	✓ Economy	✓ Other		
	54	Encourage transportation in land use decisions that are supportive.		
	✓ Transportation	on Energy		
	✓ Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Ope	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		
	67	Support local and state fisca encourage balanced growth		
	Transportat	on Energy		
	Land Use	Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Ope	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
All	Economy	✓ Other		
	60	Promote development that puses.	provides a mix of Position	
	Transportat	on Energy		
	🔀 Land Use	☐ Water		
	Housing	Habitat and Op	en Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste		
	Economy	✓ Other		

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	65		cational opportunities that inced growth.	Principle
	Transportation	on _	Energy	
	✓ Land Use		Water	
	Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	Economy	Y	Other	
	55		nousing near existing jobs and ar existing housing.	Principle
	Transportati	on 🗌	Energy	
	✓ Land Use		Water	
	✓ Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓	Other	
	56	Encourage t	ransit-oriented development.	Principle
	▼ Transportati	on	Energy	
	✓ Land Use		Water	
	✓ Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓	Other	
	81	such as stee	eitive environmental features op slopes, wetlands, and stream om development.	Principle
	Transportati	ion	Energy	
	✓ Land Use		Water	
	Housing	✓	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	Economy	V	Other	
	62	Support the family neigh	preservation of stable, single- borhoods.	Principle
	Transportat	ion	Energy	
	Land Use		Water	
	✓ Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	[] Economy	✓	Other	
	71	Focus developments of the control of	lopment in urban centers and es.	Principle
	Transportat	ion	Energy	
	🔀 Land Use		Water	
	Housing		Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality		Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓	Other	

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	72	Develop strategies to accommodate growth that use resources efficiently, eliminate pollution and significantly reduce waste.	h Principle
V	Transportati	on	
¥	Land Use	✓ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
¥	Air Quality	✓ Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	61	Promote "people-scaled", walkable communities.	Principle
¥	Transportati	on Energy	
V	Land Use	Water	
¥	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
¥	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	59	Promote infill development and redevelopment to revitalize existing communities.	Strategy
	Transportat	ion Energy	
<u> </u>	Land Use	☐ Water	
<u> </u>	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	82	Promote compact, centers- and corridors- focused development, mixed-use, and tra- oriented development.	
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
5	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	80	 Locate heavy trip generating developmen areas with robust existing transportation infrastructure. 	nt in Strategy
•	Transportat	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
1	Economy	✓ Other	
Desclutions			
Resolutions	142	2 Supports the continued operations of all military facilities in the SCAG region.	Position
ĺ	Transporta	·	
- -	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
-	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
· -	Economy	Other	

RTP

sourceDocument	ıa	Policy	туре
	5	Encourage land use and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments.	Goal
	✓ Transportati		
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	3	Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system.	Goal
	▼ Transportati	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	1	Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region.	Goal
	✓ Transportati	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	46	Provide for regional capture of economic development opportunities and job growth created by the prospect of significant regional air traffic growth between now and 2030.	Policy
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy Economy	Other	
	33	Prioritize projects that enhance safety and security.	Policy
	▼ Transportat	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	26	Focus growth along transit corridors and nodes to utilize available capacity.	Policy
	✓ Transportat	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	

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	49	Reflect that each county should have both the obligation and the opportunity to meet its own air traffic needs where feasible.	Policy
	▼ Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	8	RTP land use and growth strategies that differ from currently expected trends will require a collaborative implementation program that identifies required actions and policies by all affected agencies and subregions.	Policy
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	51	Mitigate effects of expanding airports and consider the reuse of former military airfields so that community impacts are minimized.	Policy
	✓ Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	52	Maximize air passenger and air cargo utilization of outlying airports in lesspopulated areas.	Policy
	✓ Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	⊘ Other	
	50	Support capacity expansion at major existing and potential airports to handle anticipated increases in passengers and cargo volume.	Position
	✓ Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	

SourceDocument	id	Policy	Type
	48	Reflect environmental, environmental justice, and local quality of life constraints at existing airports that operate in built-out urban environments.	Principle
	Transportati	on Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
			Principle
	✓ Transportati		
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	— ✓ Other	
	25	Use infill where appropriate to revitalize underutilized development sites.	Strategy
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	41	Advance long-range study corridors from the 2001 RTP in high-demand and/or high-growth areas, based upon the findings of the RSTIS process.	Strategy
	Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	30	Change land use to correspond to the implementation of a decentralized regional aviation strategy and its consequent shortand long-term job creation effects.	Strategy
	✓ Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	31	Change land use to correspond to the implementation of regionally significant major transportation projects and their consequent short-and long-term job creation effects.	Strategy
	✓ Transportat	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	

SourceDocument	id	Policy	Туре
	32	Incorporate the local input and feedback on future growth received from 90 percent of the jurisdictions in the SCAG region.	Strategy
	Transportati	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	10	System expansion is no longer the primary transportation investment strategy to provide improved mobility.	Strategy
	▼ Transportati	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	
	24	Use the proposed funding for non-motorized transportation to implement bikeway expansion projects, create a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly transportation environment, induce mixed-use development that promotes biking and walking, and conduct public safety education for bicyclists and pedestrians.	Strategy
	✓ Transportat	ion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	☐ Water	
	✓ Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	✓ Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	✓ Other	
	29	Ensure adequate access to open space.	Strategy
	Transportat	tion Energy	
	✓ Land Use	Water	
	Housing	Habitat and Open Space	
	Air Quality	Solid Waste	
	Economy	Other	